Motorcycle Safety: A Brief Look

Motorcycle Registration

- To register a motorcycle or moped at Fort Lewis you need a valid motorcycle license from either Washington State or any other state, and completion of an Army-approved motorcycle course.

Motorcycle Training

- AR 385-55, Appendix B is the source
- One-time requirement to complete an approved course
- Proof of completion means a card or certificate
- Army-approved means it follows the Motorcycle Safety Foundation program as a minimum
- Any questions about what's approved, call Safety

Local Motorcycle Safety Training

- If you can't prove completion of an approved course, you can attend locally.
- Both the basic and advanced courses are available.
- Provided at no-cost by IMCOM's Army Traffic Safety Training Program contract.
- Course registration is through http://www.pugetsoundsafety.com, or by calling Puget Sound Safety at 253-531-4585

Required Protective Equipment

- On Fort Lewis, each motorcycle operator must wear the following while driving a motorcycle on-post:
  - Properly fastened Helmet, DOT approved.
  - Eye protection (Clear goggles/Face shield).
  - Clothing (long sleeve shirt, long pants, and full-fingered gloves).
  - High visibility garments (bright color for day and retro-reflective for nights).
  - Footwear (over the ankle shoes).
- Off-post, the requirements still apply to soldiers.

Other Requirements

- Government and privately owned motorcycles registered at Fort Lewis must have two rearview mirrors (one mirror on each side).
- Motorcycles and mopeds operating on Fort Lewis must have their headlights turned on at all times.
- The use of headphones or earphones while driving a motorcycle or moped at Fort Lewis is prohibited.

Motorcycle Safety Assistance

- For Further Assistance, Please call or visit the Joint Base Safety Office, Bldg 2007A, (MS- 66).
- Commercial: 253-967-3079/6764
- DSN: 357-3079/6764
- FAX: 253-967-3966